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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 2 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 13 March 2007.
- 2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 2,3,5-34,36,37 and 39-46 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) 2,3,5-9,11-29,31-34,36,37 and 39-46 is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) _____ is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) 10 and 30 is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Objections

1. Claims 10 and 30 are objected to because of the following informalities:

- a) In claim 10 line 5, delete "or a catch depression".
- b) In claim 30 line 9, delete "or a catch depression".

Appropriate correction is required.

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claims 2, 3, 5-9, 11-29, 31-34, 36, 37 and 39-46 are allowed.

Claims 10 and 30 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection(s) under Claim Objections, set forth in this Office action and to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The primary reasons for the indication of the allowability of claims 2, 3, 5-34, 36, 37 and 39-46 are:

Regarding claims 44, 2, 3 and 5-29, the prior art does not teach or fairly suggest in combination with the other claimed limitations a device for covering and sealing a hole provided for leading cables through a wall; wherein at least one of the bushes insertable in the respective frame opening is fixable in place in the insertion direction frame opening is fixable in place in the insertion direction near side wall delimiting the frame opening; each side wall comprises a catch depression for accommodating catch organs projecting laterally partially above the bush surface.

Regarding claims 30-34, 36, 37, 40-43 and 46, the prior art does not teach or fairly suggest in combination with the other claimed limitations a bush comprising two bush halves that face one another on the side of the passage opening and mutually complement one another, which have a catch organs on sides facing away from one another, in each instance.

Regarding claims 45 and 39, the prior art does not teach or fairly suggest in combination with the other claimed limitations a bush having two catch organs that projects beyond the bush surface toward opposite sides, which can engage into catch depressions in the side walls of the frame openings.

These limitations are found in claims 2, 3, 5-34 and 36-46, and are neither disclosed nor taught by the prior art of record, alone or in combination.

Conclusion

3. This application is in condition for allowance except for the formal matters: Prosecution on the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 25 USPQ 74, 453 O.G. 213, (Comm'r Pat. 1935).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this action is set to expire **TWO MONTHS** from the mailing date of this letter.

4 Any inquiry concerning this communication should be directed to Angel R. Estrada at telephone number (571) 272-1973. The Examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday (8:30 -5:00).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Dean Reichard can be reached on (571) 272-2800 Ext: 31. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0956.

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